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Dear 

**Official Information Act request relating to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service's visit to New Zealand**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 18 September 2022.

You have requested:

*"[...]*

- 1) Was DPMC involved in the organization of this visit by members of CSIS, an organization that Canada's own state media acknowledges is involved in child sex trafficking, to New Zealand? If so, please disclose all documents related to this.*
- 2) What is DPMC's policy on child sex trafficking?*
- 3) What is DPMC's policy on ISIS, the organization that CSIS were supporting by supplying their members with child sex slaves?"*

With regard to part one of your request, the New Zealand Intelligence Community, which includes the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), were involved in the organisation of this conference. Any details or documents regarding the organisation of the conference are withheld under section 6(a) of the Act, as the release of the information would be prejudicial to the security or defence of New Zealand or the international relations of the New Zealand government.

As you may be aware, the New Zealand Government ratified the *Protocol to the Forced Labour Convention* in 2019. Since then, there has been an all-of-government plan of action against forced labour, people trafficking, and slavery to ensure that people are not exploited, either in New Zealand, or overseas.

If you would like further information about this plan of action, you may wish to visit the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment's website, at: [www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/plan-of-action-against-forced-labour-people-trafficking-and-slavery/](http://www.mbie.govt.nz/business-and-employment/employment-and-skills/plan-of-action-against-forced-labour-people-trafficking-and-slavery/). I believe this answers part two of your request.

With regard to part three of your request, I can advise that the New Zealand government considers ISIS a terrorist organisation and has taken active steps in support of efforts to counter ISIS.

The Terrorism Suppression Act 2002 (TSA) provides for a list of terrorist entities to be established and maintained within New Zealand, including those entities associated with the United Nations (UN) Security Council Resolutions 1267/1989/2253 and 1988.

Designated terrorist entities will have their assets frozen. Under the TSA, it is also a criminal offence to participate in, or support the activities of a designated terrorist entity. ISIS is a designated terrorist entity under that list.

In addition to the UN-led designation of ISIS, New Zealand also designated offshoot-organisations, including ISIL Sinai, and the Maute Group, under domestic legislative provisions. Further to this, New Zealand has supported the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS (D-ISIS) through a number of NZDF military deployments and through the New Zealand Aid Programme. This includes supporting efforts to counter online ISIS communications and propaganda, through the Coalition's Communications Working Group.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on DPMC's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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